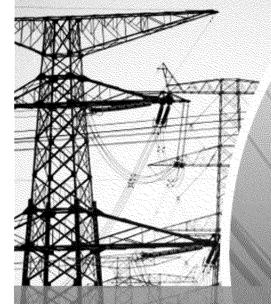


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# **Residential Electric Rates And Summer Bill Changes**



Chergy - Summer On peak 1,993 kWh x \$0.0798 Mid peak 2,616 kWh x \$0.07981 Off peak 2,710 kWh x \$0.07981 \$2

Energy - Winter Mid peak 1,235 kWh x \$0.07981 \$98.57 Off peak 798 kWh x \$0.07981 \$63.69

## **Overview of Rate Design**

- 2001 Energy Crisis Impact on Rate Design
- Provisions of Assembly Bill 327
- Summer 2014 Revenue Drivers and Impact by Utility
- □ Rate Design Goals for 2014 and Beyond
  - \* **Near-Term**: Bring Tier 2 & 3 rates closer together and reduce CARE discount for PG&E
  - \* Mid-Term: Merge Tiers 2 & 3
  - \* Longer-Term: Default Two-Tier TOU Rate



# **Energy Crisis Impact on Rates**

- 2001 Assembly Bill 1X: Froze Tiers 1 & 2 Rates, creating the need to establish five tiers to recover future revenue requirement increases.
- 2009 Senate Bill 695: Allowed modest increases to Tiers 1 & 2, making it possible to reduce the number of tiers from five to four in 2010 – 2012.
  - \* To keep Tier 4 from getting too high, the Tier 3 rate was allowed to increase to collect more revenues.
  - \* This has resulted in a large difference between Tier 2 and Tier 3 rates.
- 2013 Assembly Bill 327: Provides greater flexibility in setting residential rates to address previous framework that set limitations on tiers 1 and 2 causing rates for tiers 3 and 4 to more than double those for tiers 1 and 2.



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# **Provisions of Assembly Bill 327**

- Repeals limitations on Tiers 1 and 2 rate increases established by Assembly Bill 1X and Senate Bill 695.
- □ Requires at least two rate tiers to accommodate baseline.
- Allows a monthly fixed charge, starting in 2015: up to \$10 for non-CARE customers and \$5 for CARE customers.
- □ Allows default Time of Use (TOU) rates in 2018.
- □ Establishes the CARE discount at 30% 35%.
- Requires the development of new NEM rates that would be applied to new customers starting in 2017 that balances the costs and benefits of NEM.



# **Near-Term Goals: Summer 2014**

### **Tier Differentials**

- \* Reduce rate differences between highest and lowest tiers.
- \* Bring Tier 2 and Tier 3 rates closer together.
- \* Revenue Requirement increases will impact how much tier differences can be reduced this summer.
  - □ SDG&E is projecting the smallest increases; SCE the largest.

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- \* CARE discounts close to statutory limits for SCE and SDG&E, and 2014 rate changes may put them outside the limits.
- \* PG&E's CARE discount is ~49% and needs to slowly be reduced.

### Avoid Large Bill Impacts for Both Large and Small Customers

\* Percentage increase for small customers is likely to be larger because increases on Tiers 1 and 2 have been constrained for over a decade.



# **Residential Rate Design Settlement**

- ORA entered into settlements with PG&E, SCE, and SDG&E for 2014 residential rates.
- Complies with the law and minimizes bill impacts on baseline usage and low-income customers.
- Proposes rules that would adjust the rates depending on the Revenue Requirement changes, given they are uncertain at this time.
  - \* Rate Design does NOT set Revenue Requirements.
- Addresses both non-CARE and CARE tiers rate adjustments.



# **PG&E Pending Revenue Changes**

### **Summer 2014**

PG&E	Revenue A	Allocatior (\$ millior	lential C	ass
Novemb	er 2013	Total Req	ikely Outo	come
5,4	18	5,836	5,675	

### 2014 PG&E Revenue Drivers

- 2013 under-collection in procurement costs; 2014 transmission increase (\$200 million); power exchange settlement credit (\$300 million reduction).
- Pending General Rate Case (\$730 system million increase from existing levels, including \$200 million for nuclear O&M, hydro upgrade, and \$460 million customer care costs).



# **PG&E 2014 SUMMER RATES**

	Nov 2013 Rates	Jan 2014 Rates		Illustrative Summer 2014 Settlement Rates				
			% Change btwn Jan 2014 & Nov 2013	Likely CPUC Authorized Revenue	% change btwn Summer 2014 & Nov 2013	High Case – C P U C Authorizes 100% of PG&E Request	% Change btwn Summer 2014 & Nov 2013	
			No	n-CARE Ra	tes	I. I		
T1 <100% BL	\$0.1323	\$0.1363	3%	\$0.1470	11%	\$0.1470	11%	
T2 100-130% BL	\$0.1504	\$0.1549	3%	\$0.1700	13%	\$0.1774	18%	
T3 130-200% BL	\$0.3192	\$0.3135	-2%	\$0.2795	-12%	\$0.2972	-7%	
T4 >200% BL	\$0.3592	\$0.3535	-2%	\$0.3395	-5%	\$0.3572	-1%	
				CARE Rates				
T1 <100% BL	\$0.0832	\$0.0857	3%	\$0.0924	11%	\$0.0924	11%	
T2 100-130% BL	\$0.0956	\$0.0985	3%	\$0.1063	11%	\$0.1063	11%	
T3 130-200% BL	\$0.1397	\$0.1397	0%	\$0.1508	8%	\$0.1508	8%	
T4 >200% BL	\$0.1397	\$0.1397	0%	\$0.1508	8%	\$0.1508	8%	

#### Notes:

Likely CPUC Authorized Revenue assumes CPUC authorizes 50% of PG&E's revenue increase request. High Case Revenue assumes CPUC authorizes 100% of PG&E's request.

**Definitions**: "BL" = Baseline Quantity. "T1" = Tier 1, "T2" = Tier 2, etc.



# **SCE Pending Revenue Changes**

### **Summer 2014**

SCE	Revenue	Allocatio	on to Res	idential C	lass
		(\$ mil	lions)		
Novembe	er 2013 I	_ikely Out	tcome O	ptimistic (	Dutcome
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5,12	.0	5,747		5,44	/

### **2014 SCE Revenue Drivers**

- ERRA filing (a net of \$1.2 billion revenue increase from the current level due to the fact that there are two years' ERRA requests accumulated into one single year).
- Likely outcome assumes \$450 millions in SONGS, costs not to be decided in time for summer rates.
- Pending outcomes for SONGS (possible disallowance of \$300 million).



## **SCE 2014 SUMMER RATES**

	November Rates			ikely tcome	% Change	Optimistic Outcome		% Change
			No	on-CARI	E Rates			
T1 <100% BL	\$	0.128	\$	0.149	16%	\$	0.149	16%
T2 100-130% BL	\$	0.160	\$	0.193	21%	\$	0.193	21%
T3 130-200% BL	\$	0.278	\$	0.279	0.4%	\$	0.262	-5.8%
T4 >200% BL	\$	0.318	\$	0.319	0.3%	\$	0.312	-1.9%
			<b>-</b>	CARE R	lates			1
T1 <100% BL	\$	0.085	\$	0.097	14%	\$	0.097	14%
T2 100-130% BL	\$	0.107	\$	0.125	17%	\$	0.125	17%
T3 130-200% BL	\$	0.214	\$	0.210	-1.9%	\$	0.196	-8.4%
T4 >200% BL	\$	0.214	\$	0.210	-1.9%	\$	0.196	-8.4%

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# **SDG&E Revenue Changes**

### **Summer 2014**

	cation to Residential Class
November 2013	Anticipated Revenue
1,611	1,822

### 2014 SDG&E Revenue Drivers

(Less uncertain than other IOUs)

- Cumulative effects from two years of ERRA filings that were approved for 2014 rates (\$558 million net effect).
- □ ERRA Trigger filing for 2013 and 2014 (\$293 million system revenue increase, \$213 million included in the above \$588 million).



## **SDG&E 2014 Summer Rates**

### **Phase 2 Proposed Settlement Terms**

	Current (2/1/2014)	Illustrative Rates (Full Revenue Change)	% Change from Current	Illustrative Rates (50% Revenue Change)	% Change from Current
RAR	21.1	23.3	11%	21.7	3%
		Non-CAI	RE Rates		
T1 <100% BL	15.4	17.3	13%	16.5	7%
T2 100-130% BL	17.8	20.4	15%	18.9	6%
T3 130-200% BL	34.9	37.7	8%	34.6	-1%
T4 >200% BL	36.9	39.7	8%	36.6	-1%
		CARE	Rates		
T1 <100% BL	10.3	11.6	13%	10.8	5%
T2 100-130% BL	12.0	13.5	13%	12.6	5%
T3 130-200% BL	17.6	20.3	16%	19.0	8%
T4 >200% BL	17.6	20.3	16%	19.0	8%

#### Illustrative Summer Rates (cents/kWh)

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# Mid-Term Goals: 2015 - 2017

### **Tier Differentials**

- \* When the rates for Tiers 2 and 3 get close enough, merge the two tiers to collapse the four-tier rate design into three tiers.
- \* After transitioning to a three-tier rate design, start to slowly reduce the difference between the top two tiers so they can be merged in the future.

### CARE

 Continue to move PG&E's CARE discount closer to the 30% – 35% statutory limits.

#### Time-of-Use Rates (TOU)

- \* Establish voluntary introductory TOU rates that place a surcharge on the tiered rates in the on-peak hours and an offsetting credit in off-peak hours.
- \* The surcharge and credit initially would be small, and the rate heavily marketed, in order to prepare for a future transition to default TOU rates.



# Long-Term Goals: 2018 and Beyond

### **Tier Differentials**

- \* When rates for Tiers 2 and 3 get close enough, merge the two tiers to collapse the three-tier rate design into two tiers.
- \* Work towards reducing rate differential in the two-tiered rate to 20% 30%.

### CARE

\* Continue to move PG&E's CARE discount closer to 30% – 35% statutory limits.

### Time-of-Use Rates (TOU)

- In 2018, transition to default TOU rates whether or not rates have been collapsed to two tiers, and use a small on-peak surcharge and off-peak credit to simplify the rate.
- \* Allow customers to opt out to a non-TOU tiered rate design where the tiered rates are similar to the TOU rate without the surcharge and credit.
- \* Market voluntary, more aggressive cost-based TOU rates to prepare customers for moving from the default TOU rate to a fully cost-based design (with on-peak to off-peak rate differences of 2.5 to 1).
- \* When a two-tiered rate design becomes possible, offer the default TOU rate as a simple non-tiered rate with a baseline credit.





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## **The Current Four Tier Rate Design**

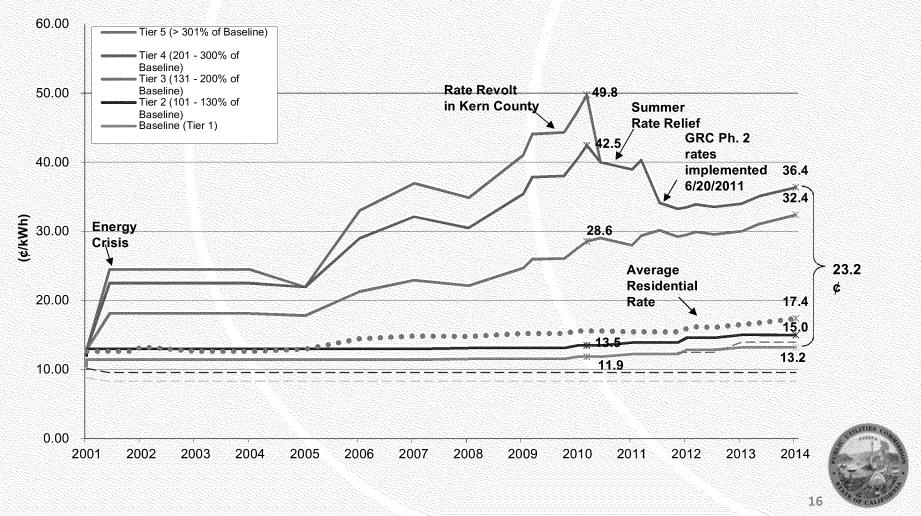


Chart shows PG&E's history of tiered rates since energy crisis